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ICPC Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 p.m., Pacific Time Zone.

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## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

ICPC Code Citation. CW 26.34.010 to 26.34.080 (1974 Supp.).

Statutory Penalties Under Article IV. Revocation or suspension of license. RCW 26.34.010. Sending or receiving a child without compliance is a misdemeanor. Each day of violation constitutes a separate offense. RCW 26.34.080.

Age of Majority. 18 years. RCW 26.28.010 (1974 Supp.).

Court Jurisdiction. Juvenile and Family Court Division of Superior Courts handle children's and family affairs. RCW 2.08.010 (1961); 13.04.030 (1962).

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## **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

Child Custody. All request for custody investigation and/or home studies related to divorce custody orders should be sent to the Superior Court of the county in which the person resides. A copy of the current court order should be included.

## **REQUIREMENTS**

Reports. Adoptive home study report to be made by agency or court prior to granting of adoptive petition. RCW 26.32.210 (1961). Post placement supervisory reports as requested.

Licensing Requirements. All foster family homes must be licensed by DSHS/DLR. Those under the supervision of licensed child placing agencies are licensed by DSHS upon certification by licensed agency. RCW 74.15.040. (1974 Supp.).

## **PLACEMENTS**

Independent Adoptive Placements. Intermediaries may place children but must file preplacement report with court prior to placement.

Adoption Petition. Petition filed in Superior Court in county of residence of either petitioner or child. RCW 26.32.020 (1961). Minimum time between filing of petition for adoption and final decree - 6 months. RCW 26.32.120(3) 1961). Petition may be filed at time of placement or later.

Requirement for Foster Care Placements. All foster homes must be licensed. Child must meet social service eligibility requirements. Foster care to 18 years of age. This can be extended to age 21 to allow the child to complete high school. Placement by voluntary consent or court order.

### Residential Placements.

- Placements Requiring Interstate Approval: Required for all residential placements of non-resident youth in agency custody or under the court's jurisdiction. Voluntary placements by parents into residential facilities are also covered.

- Requirements for Placements: ICPC application request, child summary, most recent court order or placement authorization, when applicable. The Compact Office will seek verification from the proposed facility that a placement is available for the child.

- Approval of Facilities: The DSHS Regional Licensing Staff is responsible for licensing and monitoring residential facilities. A license is valid for two years.

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-Rate Setting. Rates are negotiated by the DSHS Contracts Management Section with consultation from the Bureau of Children's Services.

-Monitoring of the Child: Responsibility rests with the sending agency and the placement facility.

-Philosophy for the Placement of Non-Resident Youth: Must be in the best interests of the child and no suitable placement facility available in the sending state. A definite time frame must be established for review. Exception to policy required for Washington youth to be placed in group care facilities in other states.

## **PAYMENTS**

AFDC Payments. No payments can be made to non-residents. For children from out of state living here with relative, the relative can apply for and receive TANF here.

Medicaid Payments. If child is eligible in Washington State, Medicaid payments can be made according to our rates.

Foster Care Payments. Rates paid to receiving states not to exceed Washington State maximum. Exception to policy for higher rates can be granted for extraordinary situations or for high cost-of-living areas.

Special Education Payments. No payments can be made to non-residents. Service to children here from other states are available at the option of the local school board.

## **USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

Child Abuse (Hotline). Reports of abuse or injuries about individual families/children may be made directly to the local office or to Child Protective Services Program Manager. Telephone: 1-866-ENDHARM (1-866-363-4276).

For information and directory service (not to report abuse). 1-800-562-5624. The toll free line is not available to persons outside the state.

Juvenile Compact Office. Craig Knutzen, P.O. Box 45725, Olympia, WA 98504, Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Telephone: (360) 902-8095.